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<p align="center"><b>POLICY MANUAL</b>  <b>IRMAC</b>  <b>INFORMATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</b>  <b>ADVISORY COUNCIL</b></p>	<p align="center">ORIGINAL POLICY ADOPTED  BY IRMAC</p>	<p align="center">ORIGINAL POLICY NUMBER</p>
	<p align="center">DATE: 10/13/98</p>	
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STATUTORY REFERENCE OR  
OTHER AUTHORITY:   **IRMAC Resolution**

APPROVAL DATE:

APPROVED BY:

POLICY TITLE:           **Wide Area Network Protocol Standard**

POLICY STATEMENT:

The IPX protocol will be phased out of the wide area network, GOVnet, by January 1, 2000. Only the IP protocol will be supported. IPX may continue to be used on local area networks.

PURPOSE/COMMENT: The intention of this policy is to provide a standardized platform for state government interdepartmental network traffic such that: (1) applications can be implemented in an environment which maximizes potential for system interfaces and interoperability; (2) network bandwidth and network equipment is optimized for maximum efficiency and throughput; (3) IPX was designed for local area networks and should be limited to departmental networks.

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